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Indiana Guard Reserve

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From the State MEMS Academy

Director

Greetings:

From: Sergeant Major White

Well, March Madness has come and gone. We are still trying to get everyone on the same sheet of music. LTC Pappas and his AT planning committee will meet this month at Camp Atterbury to outline the CERT and SAR missions for our Emergency Management Response Plan. Unfortunately I will not be there because I am teaching IC 300 to the 38th Infantry Division that weekend as well. CERT is going well. We had 13 participants in our last class at the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and they did very well. Of those that attended 9 were IGR members from Supcom, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Brigade and 4th Brigade.

As the MEMS State Director, I have some issues that I need to address.

1. We had no MEMS certifications at all since the last newsletter. If you need this certification, you need to work at it. If you don't, you will not succeed in the IGR. 2. If you are planning on getting promoted you need it. 3. If you plan on leading in the IGR in the future you need it. Until now, we had been doing well in the MEMS arena, but we have slacked off. I have gotten several transcripts and that is it.

Some have updated their skills and education, and that is good too.

New Requirements for the 2010 Nimscast. Please read the article on

Page 4. This applies to the whole IGR.

Note: If you get an EMC certificate from the IGR, it is not an authorization for the MEMS badge. You have to be a member of SGAUS to wear the badge. You must have your membership prior to getting a MEMS certification.



CPT Brown (387th MP's ING) and SGT Potter from the National Guard attend IC 300 at Camp Atterbury

Promotions

A reminder from the Commanding General, effective 1 October 2008 a basic MEMS certification is required for promotions E2 to E6, WO1 to CW4, and O1 to O3. Everyone else is to attain certification as a Senior or Master MEMS Specialist for promotion.



New MEMS Badge Awardees!



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Master MEMS



Senior MEMS



Basic MEMS

Master MEMS requirements:

Train the Trainer for Any EMS or NIMS related field C.E.R.T., ICS 400 Full Scale Exercise, Practicum, Narrative 3-5 pages in length
Note: All Master MEMS must be Trainers and have other FEMA Training.

Senior MEMS Requirements:

IS 139, IS 230, IS 235, IS 240
IS 241, IS 242, IS 244, AWR 160, IS 520
IC 300
Practicum
Narrative or AAR

Basic MEMS

Requirements:

IS 100, IS 200, IS 700,
IS 800
IS 775
IS 208 (NEW)
Practicum, Q 534



New course offered by EMI

On 1 June 2009, EMI issued a new Independent Study course on Points of Distribution or PODS. The course number is IS-26. I recommend that those of you whose units are doing PODS for the functional exercise at Annual Training take this course.

IDHS Provide Calendar for CERT Train the Trainer Courses.

In this issue of the newsletter you will find that it contains the current dates for CERT Train the Trainer Courses.

Please note that you will have to apply to IDHS through your local EMA for the IGR. This course is mandatory for Master MEMS. But you only have had to complete the basic course to go.



Basic CERT Certification

Effective 2-1-2010 IDHS will no longer do State Certifications of Local Volunteers. According to Allen Scott, Director of the State's Citizen Corps program. The State can no longer afford the cost of providing State Certifications to the local counties. Scott stated in an email to SGM White that he would provide a Template for local issuing authorities to use for local certifications.

CERT Tabs:

To orders CERT Tabs go to:
www.1800nametape.com

Operations Orders/Plans and Incident Action Plans:

Effective 1 April 2009, it was the decision of the G-3 that Op Orders will still be done to comply with military protocol, and they would be done by the G-3 Operations Officer.

If you are assigned as the project officer or Officer in Charge of an event you will need to do an Incident Action Plan for those soldiers participating in the event to get a practicum credit for MEMS. This will be done by completing the following IC forms:

- IC 201
- IC 202
- IC 203
- IC 204
- IC 205
- IC 215a Safety Officer Issues

This is only for planning the event. If you have taken IC 300 and/or IC 400 you have these forms already, then get with someone in your unit to assist you.

Upcoming Training For 2010

The following courses are schedule at this time:

Course	Date	Start Time
CERT TFT Loc: Cp Atterbury SAR	9-11 April	0800 each day
CERT Training Loc: IGR HQ Stout Field	24-25 April	0800 each day
ICS 400 Loc: Bldg #501, Cp. Atterbury	May 1-2	0800 each day
CERT TFT Loc: Cp Atterbury SAR	9-11 June	0800 each day
ICS 300 Loc: SAR Camp Atterbury	24-25 July	0800 each day
CERT TFT Loc: Cp Atterbury SAR	10-12 August	0800 each day
CERT Training Loc: IGR HQ Stout Field	7-8 Aug	0800 each day
ICS 400 Loc: Bldg #501 Camp Atterbury	18-19 Sep	0800 each day
CERT TFT Loc: Cp Atterbury	8-10 October	0800 each day

Note: You must RSVP for all classes. All ICS courses are limited to 25 personnel, so to ensure you have a seat you will need to RSVP no later that 3 weeks before the date of the course. CERT training will require you to purchase your own bag prior to attending the course. See Newsletter for details.

To RSVP for the CERT Training For Trainers, you must go to the IDHS website and get the application, and you must have completed the Basic CERT Course.

From the MEMS Academy Commandant:
“Remember the MEMS Core Values: They should be your tools to success with the MEMS program.”

Service: Commit to protect our communities and freely give of our time, knowledge, and talents.

Excellence: Commit to the superior performance and continuous improvement of knowledge and expertise.

Integrity: Maintain uncompromising ethical conduct and the highest standards of skill, responsibility, and accountability.

Leadership: Provide vision and purpose in emergency management, lead and inspire by example through dedication and action.

Think of the acronym S.E.I.L.

It is what we do. Remember that you need to ensure that your MEMS/NIMS training is updated and reviewed prior to Annual Training. It will be evaluated.

MEMS Creed:

I am a Military Emergency Management Specialist, and I will serve my community in times of disaster, and I will serve with integrity. I will lead if asked or appointed, and I will follow through on all assigned tasks. I will assist in the organization of all assigned events with the safety of the public and my soldiers alike as the highest priority. As a Military Emergency Management Specialist, I will follow all the standards set by those appointed over me, and those of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. I will train to meet those standards, and I will strive for excellence at all levels of the MEMS program.

(Coined by SGM White) Approved by the Commandant





Cert Kits

During our last CERT class at the JCEMA, we were notified that IDHS will not be supplying CERT Kits/Bags for participants. The IGR now has 20 kits that we can use for training. However, the CERT trainers would like to encourage you to purchase your own kits. They will belong to you even if you leave the IGR. You may order the kits from; www.cert-kits.com

You may order any size kit you like. However, the one shown is the preferred.

CERT Kit Pro Pac 2 \$37.94

MEMS Certifications Slowing Down

Over the past two or three months the MEMS certifications have been slowing down. Leaders, please encourage your soldiers to complete this program, at least at the basic level. They will get a lot more out of it if they know you are supporting the program.

NEW NIMSCAST REQUIREMENTS FOR 2010:

Effective immediately to comply with our 2010 NIMSCAST Account requirements we need personnel in the following areas to complete the following IS courses at the EMI website for independent study.

IS 701: Multiagency Coordination Centers (MACC): All G-3 S-3's and NCOIC's

IS 702: Public Information Officer: All PAO's

IS 703: Resource Management: All G-4 and S4 personnel

IS 704: Communications: All personnel assigned to the C-6

The Suspense Date on this is 15 August 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this let me know via email.

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CERT Certifications From Johnson County:

Name	Unit
SSG Haase	Supcom
PFC Richards	Supcom
Cpt. Miller	4 th Bde
SGT Carrie	3 rd Bde
LT. Russell	3 rd Bde
SGT Shoemaker	Supcom
CW 2 Vaughn	2 nd Bde
PFC Mitchell	Supcom
MSG Coleman	HHD (G-3)

Special Note:

4th Bde Conducted CERT training in Columbus, IN as well. They have not provided a list as of yet. However, I would like to thank SFC Snyder and Col. (Ret) Dickerson for instructing the class.

NIMS / MEMS Training Status

Current Stats:

	Now	Last Month
NIMS Qualified:	217	216
MEMS Basic:	190	190
MEMS Sr.:	78	78
MEMS Master:	22	22
CERT Certified:	105	92

For NIMS Tracking

Report all completions to SGM White

Epecially, IS 100, 200, 700 and 800

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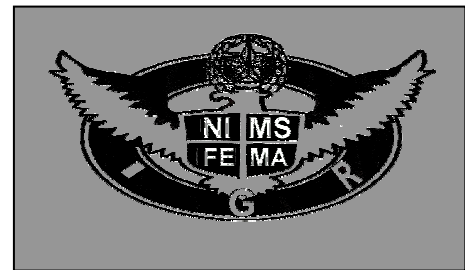
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*SGM White requires a FEMA transcript
for everyone in the IGR. A transcript
request form is available on the IGR website
at <http://www.mdisdf.org>.*



Substitute Classes for IC 300 and IC 400

Note: These are for MEMS Certification ONLY!

If you cannot attend a G 300 or G 400 Course, we now have a substitute independent study program in place of it. However, before you can take these courses online you must have the approval of the MEMS State Director or Deputy Director. This response will be in writing. Indiana has plenty of these courses available. If you are E7 or above you must attend the classroom portions of this program to count for the NIMSCAST. Approval for the substitute courses will be done on a case by case basis.

The Independent Study courses may be found at this site for Q 534 and alternate courses for IC 300 and IC 400 at this site.

<https://nfa.plateau.com/plateau/user/login.do>

Substitute Course for Q 534:

Q 534 Intro to Terrorism is a required course for MEMS Basic Certification effective 21 February 2009. However, many of you are having difficulty registering for the course.

You may now use the University of Kentucky Introduction to Terrorism Course as a substitute for the Q 534 course. Here is the website to find the course: Remember, Q 534 is the preferred course.

<http://www.kiprc.uky.edu/trap/introterrorism.html> (Website is now back up)

The new site for AWR 160 is as follows:

<http://www.ncbrt.lsu.edu/elearn/Default.aspx> (Flash, Flash, Flash) updated site for WMD dated 12/27/09

<http://www.teexwmdcampus.com/index.k2?locRef=1> (FLASH, FLASH, FLASH)

Some of you may be experiencing problems with the New Mexico site. I have posted an alternative site as well. The course there is 4 hours in length versus 2 hours. However, it is AWR 160

Applying for Senior and Master MEMS

1. Make sure that I have an updated FEMA transcript.
2. Make sure I have copies of the following certificates as well:
 - A. AWR 160
 - B. IC 300 and IC 400
 - C. Q 534 from the National Fire Academy.

All these requirements are still intact and must be completed for advancing in the MEMS academy.